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PATENT DEPARTMENT

6600 SEARS TOWER

233 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

Klaus Dietrich et a;

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EXAMINER: John M. Winter

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TITLE:

"POSTAGE METER MACHINE AND SECURITY MODULE THEREFOR'
"RESPONSE TO THE JANUARY 20, 2004 OFFICE ACTION"

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below. CLAIMS AS AMENDED (2) (4) CLAIMS HIGHEST NO. (6) PRESENT ADDITIONAL REMAINING RÀTE PREVIOUSLY **EXTRA** FEE **AFTER** PAID FOR AMENDMENT TOTAL () X 9.00 *9 MINUS **20 X 00 CLAIMS ()X 18.00 () X 43.00 INDEP MINUS 3 Х *2 () X 86.00 CLAIMS Application amended to contain ()\$145.00 any multiple dependent claims (') YES () \$290.00 not previously paid for. ONE TIME TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$00 FOR THIS AMENDMENT

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If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated for ____ months so that the period for response is extended to _____. A check in the amount of \$____ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$____ is attached.

A check for \$___ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

A check for \$___ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

When phoning re this application, please call (312) 258-5500.

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